

Service Date: December 9, 1986

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of)	UTILITY DIVISION
NORTHWESTERN TELEPHONE SYSTEMS,)	
INC., for Authorization to Establish a New Tariff.)	DOCKET NO. 86.7.37
)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5243

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On July 30, 1986, Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc. (NWTS) filed a new tariff, NWTS P.S.C. Mont. No. 11, Schedule 20, Sheets 20.1 and 20.2, with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission). This tariff establishes protective service within a prescribed radius of high voltage environments such as utility substations. Particular protection features will be required as determined by NWTS at locations where high voltage protection is required by law or, in NWTS' judgment, safety.

2. The PSC issued a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing on August 15, 1986. The notice was served on the Montana Consumer Counsel, Northwestern Telephone Systems, Montana Power Co. , Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. , and Pacific Power & Light Co. and was published in the Missoulian and the Daily Inter Lake. The notice stated that if no requests for hearing were received by September 16, 1986, a default order could be issued.

3. No requests for hearing or comments on the application have been received by the Commission.

4. On November 19, 1986, the PSC received responses to data requests from the PSC staff that further explained the nature of NWTs' filing. The Commission finds that the tariff of Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc. is reasonable.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc. furnishes regulated telecommunications services within the state of Montana and a public utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Montana Public Service Commission.

2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc.'s Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

ORDER

1. Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc.'s request for authorization to establish a new tariff, NWTs P.S.C. Mont. No. 11, Schedule 20, Sheets 20.1 and 20.2, is hereby APPROVED.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 8th day of December, 1986 by a vote of 5 - 0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell
Acting Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (3.0) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.